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Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (currently amended) A CVD precursor composition for forming a thin film dielectric on a substrate, such precursor composition including at least one metalloamide source reagent compound of the having a formula:

 $M(NR^{\dagger}R^{2})_{*}M(NR_{2})_{*}(NR'_{2})_{*}$

wherein M is selected from the group consisting of: Z₁, Hf, Y, La, Lanthanide series elements, Ta, Ti, and Al; N is nitrogen each of R¹ and R² R and R² is same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, perfluoroaryl, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₈ perfluoroalkyl, and alkylsilyl; and x is from 2 1 to 5; y is from 1 to 5; and x+y is equal to the oxidation state of metal M. with the proviso that at least two of x are different.

- 2. (previously amended) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein at least one of x is NMe₂.
- 3. (previously amended) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein at least one of x is NEt₂.
- 4. (canceled)
- 5. (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein M is Hf.
- 8. (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein the precursor composition further comprises a solvent medium selected from the group consisting of: ethers, glymes, tetraglymes, amines, polyamines, alcohols, glycols, aliphatic hydrocarbon solvents, aromatic hydrocarbon solvents, cyclic ethers and combinations of two or more of the foregoing.
- 9. (currently amended) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 4-5, wherein the precursor composition further comprises a solvent medium selected from the group consisting of: ethers, glymes, tetraglymes, amines, polyamines, alcohols, glycols, aliphatic hydrocarbon solvents, aromatic hydrocarbon solvents, cyclic ethers and combinations of two or more of the foregoing.

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10. (previously amended) The CVD precursor c mposition according to claim 8, wherein the solvent is octane.

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- 11. (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein the metalloamide source reagent compound is injected by liquid delivery into a chemical vapor deposition chamber.
- 12. (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein the metalloamide source reagent compounds is delivered by bubbler into a chemical vapor deposition chamber.
- 16. (original) The CVD precursor composition according to claim 1, wherein the precursor composition comprises multiple metalloamide source reagent compounds.
- 37. (currently amended) A CVD precursor composition for forming a thin film dielectric on a substrate, such precursor composition including a vapor source reagent mixture including a metalloamide source reagent compound of the having a formula:

$M(NR^{1}R^{2})_{x}M(NR_{2})_{x}(NR'_{2})_{y}$

wherein M is selected from the group consisting of: Z_T, Hf, Y, La, Lanthanide series elements, Ta, Ti, and Al; N is nitrogen each of R¹ and R² R and R² is same or different and is independently selected from the group consisting of H, aryl, perfluoroaryl, C₁-C₈ alkyl, C₁-C₈ perfluoroalkyl, and alkylsilyl; and x is from 2 1 to 5; y is from 1 to 5; and x+y is equal to the oxidation state of metal M. with the provise that at least two of x are different.

86. (previously added, currently amended) A CVD precursor composition for forming a thin film dielectric on a substrate, such precursor composition including a metalloamide source reagent compound selected from the group consisting of: Zr(NMe₂)₂(NPr₂)₂, and Zr(NEt₂)₂(NPr₂)₂.